



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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5-13-04

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

C-14J

MAY 13 2004

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Re: NL Industries (Taracorp) Superfund Site
Granite City, Illinois
Notice of Effectiveness of *De Minimis* Consent Order

Dear Sir or Madam:

U.S. EPA has finalized and made effective the *De Minimis* Contributor Administrative Order on Consent (Order) for the NL Industries (Taracorp) Superfund Site. A fully executed copy of the Order is included herein. Appendix "A" & "B" to the Order is a schedule listing the settling amount for each settlor.

As a signatory to the Order you have thirty (30) days from the Effective Date of the Order to make payment. Under terms of the Order, payment shall be made by certified or cashier's check made payable to "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund." Each check shall reference the name and address of the party making payment, the Site name ("NL Industries (Taracorp)", the U.S. EPA Region ("Region 5"), the Site Spill ID Number ("05WB") and the U.S. EPA docket number for this action ("V-W-04-C-790"), and shall be sent to:

U.S. EPA Superfund
NL Industries (Taracorp) Site Special Account
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 5
Program Accounting and Analysis Branch
P.O. Box 70753
Chicago IL 60673

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



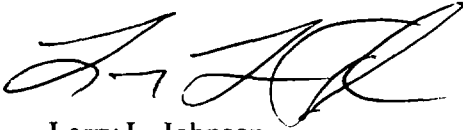
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Pursuant to the terms of the Order, at the time of payment, each Respondent shall send notice that payment has been made to:

Larry L. Johnson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 5
Office of Regional Counsel
77 West Jackson Boulevard, C-14J
Chicago IL 60604

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, you may write or call me at 312-886-6609.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. L. Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Larry L. Johnson
Assistant Regional Counsel